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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Mikiko HIRATA and Yukiko KAJITA  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
PROCESSING METHOD AND INFORMATION PROCESSING  
PROGRAM  
Assignee: **PIONEER CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q77601

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-seven (37) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and ten (10) sheets of drawings. The requisite U.S. Government filing fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u> - 20	=	_____	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3	=	_____	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$750.00</u>
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**TOTAL FEE**

Priority is claimed from:

Country

**Japan**

Application No

**2002-276388**

Filing Date

**September 20, 2002**

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on Saturday, September 20, 2003, the filing of this application on Monday, September 22, 2003 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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